

As you prepare:

- Choose a place where you can sit comfortably – it might be on the floor, round a table or even in the garden (if the weather is good enough). A rug or cushions might make it more comfortable if you are sitting on the floor. Work out how best to view this time of worship together, either on a laptop, mobile or TV depending on how many of you there are.
- Gather the things that will help create a sacred space – we suggest a cross, Bible and candle. If you do not have these as physical objects, find or draw pictures that could be used.
- Look through the service and gather any materials you might need – paper, pens, modelling dough, Lego etc.

TIME TO GATHER

Leader: We usually go to church to worship God with God's people, but today we are being church here in this place.

Place the cross, bible and candle in the middle of your gathering

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

Everyone: We will rejoice and be glad in it

Choose a member of your family to light the candle

Leader: We light this candle to remind us that God is with us and that his light shines brightly into the darkness.

TIME TO READ THE BIBLE

A passage or story from the Bible will be chosen and will be read from the Bible or a Bible story book.

Provide paper and pens, playdough or Lego for children to illustrate the story as it is being read, or have available an object which reflects the story to hold or look at, if this would prove helpful.

OBJECT LESSON OR SHORT THOUGHT

Leader to share a fun object lesson or thought on the bible reading



TIME TO PRAY

Leader: *Pray a short prayer in response to the talk or lead an interactive prayer time. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer said together*

Everyone:

*Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.*

TIME TO END

Leader: *And now may the Lord be with you*

Everyone: *And also with you*

You might sing a song or hymn to finish.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS FAMILY

Use the following ideas as follow up activities after the service or during the week ahead

Wonder together: *I wonder what was your favourite part of that passage/story? I wonder which part surprised or puzzled you? I wonder what it tells us about God. I wonder how it helps us to live as Christians.*

Draw or sculpt: *Use paper and pens, modelling dough, Lego or pipe cleaners to respond to the passage or story. Share with each other something about your drawing or model.*

Bring something to the circle: *Look around where you have gathered and find something to bring to the circle that helps you think more about what you have heard. Share why you chose that object.*

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